

DANIEL FRITZ.

FEBRUARY 8, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CALDERHEAD, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2245.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2245) granting an increase of pension to Daniel Fritz, have examined the same and adopt the Senate report thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

[Senate Report No. 259, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2245) granting an increase of pension to Daniel Fritz, have examined the same and report:

This bill proposes to increase from \$12 to \$24 per month the pension of Daniel Fritz, of Hope, Kans., late of Company K, Fifty-First Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Daniel Fritz enlisted February 27, 1864, and was honorably discharged July 27, 1865. He was wounded and taken prisoner in battle at Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864, and confined at Florence, S. C., until February 27, 1865, when paroled. He is now a pensioner under the act of June 27, 1890, at the rate of \$12 per month.

Claimant is 70 years of age. He was last medically examined December 26, 1894, and the examining board reported him to be suffering from eye trouble, deafness, rheumatism, heart disease, catarrh, and bronchitis, and totally disabled for earning a support by manual labor.

Accompanying the bill is the affidavit of Dr. J. C. Entz, of Hope, Kans., who states that claimant is suffering from progressive paralysis agitans, with tremor affecting head, upper and lower extremities, with muscular rigidity and modification of gait; that this trouble disables him totally, and in a few years will render him unable even to move around. It is also shown that he is poor and that his small pension is wholly insufficient for one in his condition.

In view of his faithful service; his long confinement in prison, to which his present condition may very probably be due; his total disability and need, your committee are of opinion that an increase of his pension to \$24 is proper.

The bill is therefore reported back favorably with a recommendation that it pass.

